

## Amendments to the Specification

Please amend paragraph [0004] as indicated below:

United States Patent Application No. ~~10/XXX,XXX~~, 10/719,088, entitled "IMPROVED CONNECTION POOL AND PREPARED STATEMENT CACHE", filed on ~~xxx-xx~~, November 21, 2003, Attorney Docket No. BEAS1340US2, currently pending.

Please amend paragraph [0008] as indicated below:

A resource adapter is a segment of code that represents an Enterprise Information System (EIS). More specifically, a resource adaptor is a system-level software driver used by an application server, such as WebLogic Server, ~~is used~~ to connect to an enterprise information system (EIS). A resource adapter serves as the "J2EE connector." The connector architecture implementation supports resource adapters developed by EIS vendors and third-party application developers that can be deployed in any application server supporting the Sun Microsystems J2EE Platform Specification, Version 1.3. Resource adapters contain the Java, and if necessary, the native components required to interact with the EIS.